

REMARKS

This amendment accompanies the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application. During prosecution of the parent application upon which this RCE is based, a telephone interview was conducted with Examiner Souaya on February 25, 2003. Based upon those discussions, and as noted in the Interview Summary subsequently provided, the Examiner indicated that fragments with "consisting of" language would be allowable (page 3 of Interview Summary mailed with Advisory Action dated April 21, 2003). By the above amendment, claims 21-25 have been canceled, and claims 18-20 and 21 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner such that the claimed fragments contain "consisting of" language. The above amendments are not to be construed as acquiescence to the stated grounds for rejection and are made without prejudice to prosecution of any subject matter modified and/or removed by this amendment in a related divisional, continuation and/or continuation-in-part application.

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for withdrawal of the provisional double patenting rejections (page 2 of Advisory Action dated April 21, 2003).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

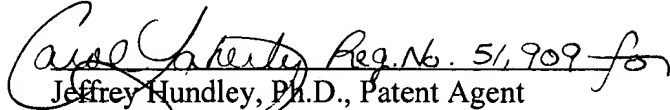
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All of the claims remaining in the application are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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